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In re the application of:

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FOR: DOPE FOR POLYURETHANE OR AROMATIC POLYAMIDE ARTICLE, AND USE

OF HYDROTALCITE COMPOUND PARTICLES THEREIN

Date: March 19, 2002

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 15, 24 and 29 in their entirety and without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

- --33. (New) A polyurethane fiber according to claim 11 produced from a dope comprising
 - (A) hydrotalcite compound particles having
 - (1) an average secondary particle diameter of 0.60 to 3 μ m as measured by a laser beam diffraction scattering